

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

The leadership of many of these large corporations haven't a clue how self-destructive their own actions are. More and more people I speak with confirm they don't even listen to radio any longer as the programming is all directed by big industry with deep pockets. We need to return to a state where there are smaller and more creative stations out there. If that doesn't happen soon, these stations will be sending out there signals to dead air.
No listeners=no sponsors!